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STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST TEN CONTRACTORS

LAS VEGAS, NV – At its meetings on January 23 and 24, 2002, the Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated cases against ten licensed contractors.

Joseph R. DeBlanco, license number 47524 (General Engineering) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to provide lien releases; failure to notify homeowner of their right to request a payment and performance bond; failure to provide required documents to homeowner; failure to provide homeowner with notices required for a pool contract; abandonment of a construction project; accepting payment for work not yet completed; failure to include license and monetary limit on a contract or proposal; acting in the capacity of a contractor under any name other than that set forth upon the license; failure to keep required records; and failure to provide homeowner with a list of subcontractors. The Board revoked the license of Joseph R. DeBlanco.

Paul Curry, license numbers 20624 (Residential and Small Commercial) and **Trim Crew** 37696 (Carpentry) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for bidding in excess of established license limit. The Board suspended the licenses of Paul Curry and Trim Crew for up to one year and placed a one-year letter of reprimand in licensee's file.

Robert Leroy Lockwood dba Arwoods Kitchen Refacing, license number 31499 (Carpentry) based out of North Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal. A one-year letter of reprimand was placed in licensee's file.

Construction Unlimited Inc. dba Monument Construction, license numbers 46423 (Residential and Small Commercial), 46616 (Awnings) and 46617 (Carpentry) based out of Henderson, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; disregard of state building laws; failure to comply with the terms of a contract or written warranty; and failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal. A one-year letter of reprimand was placed in licensee's file and licensee was fined \$1,500 and assessed the cost of investigation.

Danny Henderson Enterprises, license numbers 14879 (Concrete), 23891 (Tiling), and 29904 (Commercial and Residential Pools) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to comply with the terms of a contract or written warranty; failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The Board suspended the licenses of Danny Henderson Enterprises for up to one year.

Better Built Home Improvement, license number 43699 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Henderson, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 abandonment of a construction project; a fraudulent or deceitful act committed in the capacity of a contractor; disregard of state building laws; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The Board revoked the license of Better Built Home Improvement.

K&M Construction Incorporated, license number 46485 (Concrete Contracting) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to pay for materials or services; failure to establish financial responsibility; and failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal. The Board revoked the license of K&M Construction Incorporated.

G.T. Landscaping, license number 46999 (Landscape Contracting) based out of Pahrump, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to notify the Board of a change in address or personnel; and failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal. The Board revoked the license of G.T. Landscaping.

M & M Development Inc., license numbers 24028 (Residential and Small Commercial) and 24028A (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to notify the Board of a bankruptcy; failure to notify the Board of a change in address or personnel; and failure to establish financial responsibility. A one-year letter of reprimand was placed in licensee's file and licensee was assessed the cost of investigation.

Arturo Castrejon dba Quality Lawns and Gardens, license number 45592 (Landscape/Irrigation) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for abandonment of a construction project; a fraudulent or deceitful act committed in the capacity of a contractor; failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint; failure to comply with a notice to correct; substandard workmanship; failure to comply with the terms of a contract or written warranty; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal; and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The Board revoked the license of Arturo Castrejon dba Quality Lawns and Gardens.

The Nevada State Contractors Board offers the following helpful tips for consumers when dealing with contractors:

10 TIPS FOR MAKING SURE YOUR CONTRACTOR IS ON THE LEVEL

1. Hire only licensed contractors.
 2. Check the contractor's license number by calling 1-702-486-1100 in southern Nevada or 1-775-688-1141 in northern Nevada or doing a License Check by visiting our website at: www.state.nv.us/nscb/.
 3. Get three references, and review past work.
 4. Get at least three bids.
 5. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
 6. Pay 10% down or \$1000, whichever is less if a deposit is required.
 7. Don't let payments get ahead of work. Keep records of payments.
 8. Don't make the final payment until you're satisfied with the job.
 9. Don't pay cash.
 10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project
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The Nevada State Contractors' Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors' Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

The Board will convene next in Reno, NV on February 5, 2002.